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"In the period of widespread upheaval the proud truth is that Belize continues to shine as a distinctive land-steadfast, resilient and future-focused." - PM Briceño Budget Presentation



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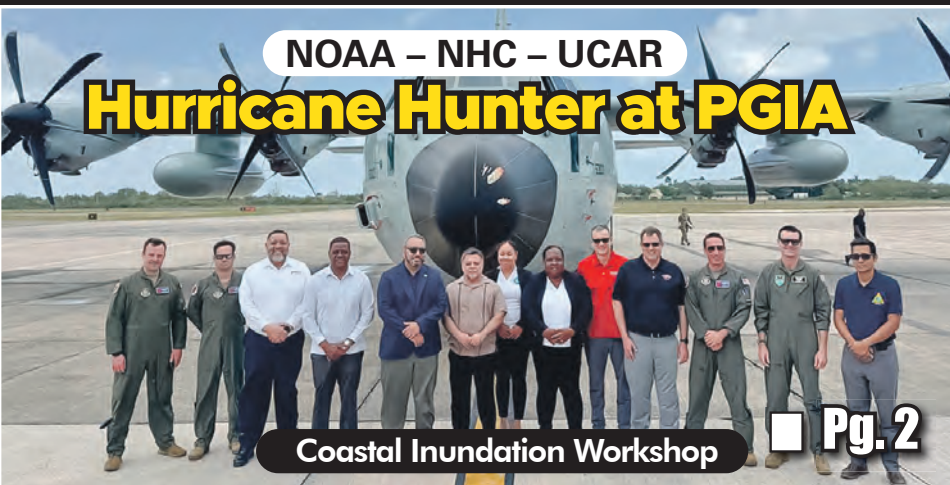


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EDITORIALAFFORDABILITY AND
INFLATION: A GLOBAL
CONCERN TODAY

In Open Economies like in Belize, inflation and affordability is subject to varied economic forces that governments cannot manipulate at a whim. It is economic fact, that prices cannot be arbitrarily manipulated by government nor by any single entity. Inflation happens for many reasons and pinpointing a reason is the task of godly savants. These reasons can include a bustling economy like Belize has since the PUP's innovation, people-driven persistence and economic savvy. In fact, the small under 1 per cent inflation seen in February 2026, and in prior months, are signs of an economy that is growing. Countries whose prices are at a standstill or, worse, in deflation, may have a stagnant economy prone to recession. It may be obvious on the other end that high inflation may be a result of devaluation of currency and external factors. These are some of the macroeconomic indicators that affect jobs first and then the bread and butter of workers. Belize's government is tasked with the balancing of macroeconomic numbers and improving the quality of the people's lives which mean the price of their everyday basket of basic items.

Of recent, World Bank reports and projections available as of early 2026, Belize's economic outlook is of moderated growth following a post-pandemic surge driven by planBelize, supported by tourism and services, the Business Outsourcing Sector and the Agriculture Industry. The Tourism Industry approached and passed 2019 record levels of arrivals of nearly 600k at the International Airport. Minister Anthony Mahler, the Belize Tourism Board, and other stakeholders do not have a ceiling despite a well-rounded Tourism strategy. The BPO sector has been lauded by the IMF as a major driver of the job market being responsible for 24,000 jobs and over 300 million in salaries to employees. Similarly, there is no ceiling for this sector that is developing into the Global Digital Services (GDS) which will upgrade the industry to higher-value digital services. The Agriculture Industry has diversified while maintaining the traditional sugar, orange, and vegetable sectors. The political anecdotes of a UDP induced-coma on the cattle industry are real but now this industry is 80 million dollars strong with exports driving the growth. Coconuts are surging and so are Cacao, Shrimp, Sorghum, Soy, Beans, Rice and others. Belize is busy planting. While irrigating, it is online with the world negotiating Trade agreements with Taiwan, Mexico, EL Salvador, Guatemala, CARICOM, the USA, Canada, Britain, Europe and multiple other nations.

Belize is doing its part and we are food independent but we are an exporting nation. This fact makes our prices grow. Think about this: everyone wants a higher take-home salary, producers and growers want a higher net profit so they will charge whatever the customers will pay, BUT no one wants prices at the shelf to rise. Then, we get an external shock like the US-Iran conflict that destabilizes the crude oil supply chain to refineries; the supply of this fossil fuel is compromised and the demand is the same or more; prices rise for the outlook on the petroleum supply; Fuel prices rise; Belize economically sneezes or worse. In 2022, after Ukraine was invaded by Russia prices per barrel of oil reached US\$ 119 and in 2008's Global economic downturn it reached US\$ 150. In this Iran-US conflict, the peak has seen US\$ 115 and as we go to print it is US\$ 91. For most Belizeans, they see the price of the everyday item on the shelf and at the pump and they plan their personal expenses and budget accordingly. Businesses like the bus transport and bread raised prices in 2022 and did not bring down the prices when fuel went back down. All prices of fuel in Belize, go up and down to reflect the new prices at acquisition. Since 2022, government has been absorbing losses with small tweaks when the price goes too high. But, Barrow left a damning fuel formula that is still in the books which post-pandemic the Briceño administration cannot touch irresponsibly reverse without causing economic chaos.

Today nevertheless, Belize's Real GDP growth is projected to rise to approximately 2.4%–2.7% in 2026. Average inflation is expected to peak around 2.4% in 2026, driven by higher energy prices before expected declines in subsequent years. Belize is recognized for successfully reducing its public debt through innovative financing, such as the debt-for-nature swap. While public debt is decreasing, it is expected to remain above 50% of GDP over the next decade. The fiscal balance has shown improvement, with a projected primary surplus of 1.1% of GDP. Positives are increased targeted spending on social programs, improving the business environment for small and medium enterprises, strengthening climate resilience through Cat-DDO (Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option) instruments, and implementing structural reforms. The economy remains vulnerable to climate-related disasters, higher global fuel/food prices, and potential slowing in tourism demand if the global economy deteriorates. As of January 2026, Belize has assumed the Chairmanship of the World Bank's Small States Forum, with Prime Minister John Briceño leading the initiative until December 2028. Also, the World Bank continues to support Belize through new Country Partnership Frameworks (CPF) that focus on the blue economy, education, and infrastructure, with high-level meetings occurring through April 2026. The sustained, moderate growth is projected to support social gains, with poverty rates expected to fall to approximately 15%–15.8% by 2028 and this is great news. The latter is at the very heart of PM Briceño and team's planBelize 2.0 as the World Bank reports that we are on the Right Track. ¡Estamos Muy Bien!

*en Español*ASEQUIBILIDAD E
INFLACION: UNA
PREOCUPACION

En economías abiertas como la de Belice, la inflación y la asequibilidad se ven influidas por diversas fuerzas económicas que los gobiernos no pueden manipular a su antojo. Es un hecho económico que ni el gobierno ni ninguna entidad, por sí sola, pueden manipular los precios de forma arbitraria. La inflación se produce por muchas razones, y determinar la causa concreta es tarea de sabios divinos. Entre estas razones puede figurar una economía pujante, como la de Belice, impulsada por la innovación del PUP, la perseverancia de la gente y la perspicacia económica. De hecho, la baja inflación, inferior al 1 %, observada en febrero de 2026 y en meses anteriores, es un indicio de una economía en crecimiento. Los países cuyos precios se encuentran estancados o, peor aún, en deflación, pueden tener una economía estancada propensa a la recesión. Por otro lado, puede resultar obvio que la alta inflación es consecuencia de la devaluación de la moneda y de factores externos. Estos son algunos de los indicadores macroeconómicos que afectan primero al empleo y luego al sustento de los trabajadores. El Gobierno de Belice tiene la tarea de equilibrar los indicadores macroeconómicos y mejorar la calidad de vida de la población, lo que implica ajustar el precio de la cesta de productos básicos de uso diario.

Recientemente, los informes y proyecciones del Banco Mundial, disponibles a principios de 2026, indican que las perspectivas económicas de Belice apuntan a un crecimiento moderado tras un repunte pospandémico impulsado por el planBelice, respaldado por el turismo y los servicios, el sector de la externalización empresarial y la industria agrícola. La industria turística alcanzó y superó los niveles récord de llegadas de 2019, con casi 600 000 en el Aeropuerto Internacional. El ministro Anthony Mahler, la Junta de Turismo de Belice y otras partes interesadas carecen de un límite máximo, pese a contar con una estrategia turística bien definida. El sector de la externalización de servicios empresariales (BPO) ha sido elogiado por el FMI como un importante motor del mercado laboral, ya que es responsable de 24 000 puestos de trabajo y de más de 300 millones de salarios para los empleados. Del mismo modo, no hay límites para este sector que se está transformando en Servicios Digitales Globales (GDS), elevando la industria a servicios digitales de mayor valor. La industria agrícola se ha diversificado al tiempo que mantiene los sectores tradicionales del azúcar, la naranja y las hortalizas. Las anécdotas políticas sobre un coma inducido por el UDP en la industria ganadera son reales, pero ahora la industria tiene un valor de 80 millones de dólares, con las exportaciones impulsando su crecimiento. El coco está en auge, al igual que el cacao, el camarón, el sorgo, la soja, las legumbres, el arroz y otros productos. Belice está muy ocupado plantando. Mientras riega, está conectado con el mundo, negociando acuerdos comerciales con Taiwán, México, El Salvador, Guatemala, la CARICOM, EE.UU., Canadá, Gran Bretaña, Europa y muchas otras naciones.

Belice está haciendo su parte; somos una nación autosuficiente en alimentos, pero también exportadora. Este hecho hace que nuestros precios suban. Piénsalo: todo el mundo quiere un salario neto más alto; los productores y agricultores quieren un beneficio neto mayor, por lo que cobrarán lo que los clientes estén dispuestos a pagar, PERO nadie quiere que suban los precios en las tiendas. Entonces, se produce una crisis externa, como el conflicto entre EE.UU. e Irán, que desestabiliza la cadena de suministro de crudo a las refinерías; el suministro de este combustible fósil se ve comprometido, mientras que la demanda se mantiene igual o incluso aumenta; los precios suben debido a las perspectivas sobre el suministro de petróleo. Los precios del combustible suben; Belice estornuda económicamente o algo peor. En 2022, tras la invasión de Ucrania por parte de Rusia, los precios del petróleo alcanzaron los 119 dólares estadounidenses por barril, y durante la crisis económica mundial de 2008, llegaron a los 150 dólares. En este conflicto entre Irán y EE.UU., el pico ha sido de 115 dólares estadounidenses y, al momento de la publicación, se sitúa en 91 dólares. La mayoría de los beliceños ven el precio de los productos cotidianos en las estanterías y en las gasolineras, y planifican sus gastos personales y su presupuesto en consecuencia. Empresas como las de transporte en autobús y las panaderías subieron los precios en 2022 y no los bajaron cuando los precios del combustible volvieron a bajar. Todos los precios del combustible en Belice fluctúan para reflejar los nuevos precios de adquisición. Desde 2022, el Gobierno ha estado absorbiendo las pérdidas mediante pequeños ajustes cuando los precios suben demasiado. Pero Barrow dejó una fórmula de combustible desastrosa, aún vigente, que la administración de Briceño no puede revertir de forma irresponsable sin provocar el caos económico.

Hoy en día, sin embargo, se prevé que el crecimiento del PIB real de Belice aumente entre 2,4 % y 2,7 % en 2026. Se espera que la inflación media alcance un máximo de alrededor del 2,4 % en 2026, impulsada por el aumento de los precios de la energía, seguido de descensos previstos en los años posteriores. Belice es reconocido por haber reducido con éxito su deuda pública mediante mecanismos de financiación innovadores, como el canje de deuda por naturaleza. Aunque la deuda pública está disminuyendo, se espera que permanezca por encima del 50 % del PIB durante la próxima década. El saldo fiscal ha mostrado una mejora, con un superávit primario previsto del 1,1 % del PIB. Entre los aspectos positivos se incluyen el aumento del gasto específico en programas sociales, la mejora del entorno empresarial para las pequeñas y medianas empresas, el fortalecimiento de la resiliencia climática mediante los instrumentos Cat-DDO (Opción de Retirada Diferida por Catástrofe) y la implementación de reformas estructurales. La economía sigue siendo vulnerable a los desastres relacionados con el clima, al aumento de los precios mundiales de los combustibles y de los alimentos, y a una posible desaceleración de la demanda turística si la economía mundial se deteriora. Desde enero de 2026, Belice ha asumido la presidencia del Foro de Estados Pequeños del Banco Mundial, con el primer ministro John Briceño al frente de la iniciativa hasta diciembre de 2028. Además, el Banco Mundial sigue apoyando a Belice a través de nuevos Marcos de Asociación con el País (CPF) centrados en la economía azul, la educación y las infraestructuras, con reuniones de alto nivel programadas hasta abril de 2026. Se prevé que el crecimiento moderado y sostenido impulse los avances sociales, con una reducción de las tasas de pobreza entre 15 % y 15,8 % para 2028, lo cual es una gran noticia. Esto último constituye el núcleo del plan «Belize 2.0» del primer ministro Briceño y su equipo, ya que el Banco Mundial informa de que vamos por buen camino. ¡Estamos muy bien!

Orange Walk Town Council

THE WORKS CONTINUE ENDLESSLY

Mayor Ladrick Sheppard and Team of Councillors



The Mayor who is currently the vice-president of the Belize Mayor’s Association has been leading the town since 2021 and re-election has been almost automatic with the great record he has accumulated following in the footsteps of now Minister Kevin Bernard. He counts on the unequivocal support of the Area Representative and Prime Minister John Briceño who shares most of the government’s Constituency Development Fund with the Town Council. The Prime Minister also has San Estevan to take care of. Of note that this is separate to the Government subsidy to the Town.

The Mayor’s luck continues in the great team of councillors that is led by the current deputy Mayor Fernando ‘Big Sanch’ Sanchez, Alondra de la Fuente, Cadir Escalante, Doreth Pascascio, Joesie Castillo, and Allen. Each have their own portfolios as is usual in all the PUP municipalities and are accountable to the people and then the Mayor. The system is yielding a great rapport with the residents and camaraderie within themselves and an efficient and trusting relationship with the entire staff.

Food Waste Collection

Part of the Recycle Organics Program, the food waste collection initiative depends on a collaboration with local produce vendors! Ten five-gallon buckets were donated to support the collection of food scraps at the market. Buckets were successfully distributed at the market.

This initiative will help divert organic waste from the landfill and transform it into nutrient-rich

compost, thanks to a local composting entrepreneur, turning what was once waste into a valuable resource for our community. Composting is simple, affordable, and something we can all be part of. Let’s take this opportunity to start composting at home and contribute to a greener, cleaner Orange Walk.

The Town council asks: “Join us in reducing waste and building a more sustainable Belize, one household at a time.”

Football, Drumming, Horse Race, Cycling etc,



Youth and Sports

The Mayor is having a long history of sports and coming in as Mayor this is at the core of his decision making. The long list of sporting and youth events that he and his council have undertaken since 2021 and just in the last month is intense.

International Conference of Local Government

Creating opportunities for Orange Walkers



Global Mind

Doreth Pascascio Griffith and Cadir Escalante proudly represented at the International Conference of Local Government: Economic Development & Technology Forum in Experiencia Puerto Rico 2025! They connected with leaders, innovators, and policymakers from across the world to share ideas on building stronger economies, embracing technology, and creating opportunities for our OW.

This council works hand in hand with the Prime Minister and Minister Requena of central government’s Ministry of Local Government.

Home Composting Program: Deadline extended to April 20, 2027



Environmentally-Conscious

Funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), the Recycle Organics Program, together with the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority (BSWaMA) and local town councils is excited to announce the expansion of the Home Composting Program!

This initiative supports efforts to reduce methane emissions from waste while empowering households to turn organic waste into compost.

In 2024, Recycle Organics launched a pilot program in Belmopan, Corozal, San Ignacio & Santa Elena, and San Pedro. The strong participation and commitment from families exceeded all expectations! Thanks to additional funding from ECCC, the program is now expanding to three new municipalities: Benque Viejo del Carmen, Dangriga, Orange Walk Town.

Program details include limited spaces available(50), available to residents within town limits and should be 18 years or older of course.

This program is at the registration stage at this link <https://bit.ly/3O15c93>. Only applicants who are first to register successfully will receive composting kits. Unfortunately, registration does not guarantee selection. Residents of Orange Walk so understand and are hopeful to get in.

Child Stimulation Month

The Future leaders...

A few Orangwalkers expressed interest in the Mayoral seat at Town Hall!

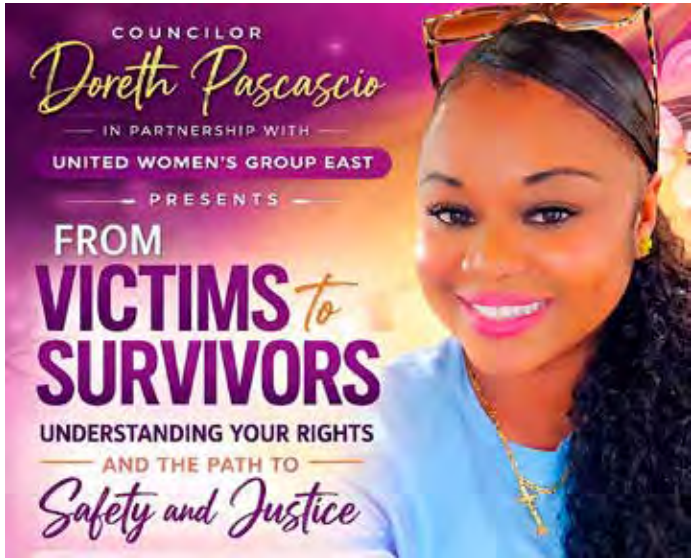
They just have to wait a few more years to put their names on the ballot.



Very Inclusive



Various Past Success: Women, Religion and more!



Move to Page 19 for the OW Town Council’s new Clean Fee success story.

GABON - BELIZE

Nature Bonds Knowledge Exchange



April 13 - Belize is hosting a Belize-Gabon Nature Bonds Knowledge Exchange coordinated by The Nature Conservancy.

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation is engaging with Gabon's delegation to share insights on Nature Bonds approaches.

CEO Beverly Wade highlighted Belize's Blue Bonds success in advancing sustainable ocean management, while Safira Vasquez outlined the role of the BBFP Unit. Over the three days, CZMAI and BHSFU presented on marine spatial planning and electronic monitoring in fisheries.

A little on Belize's historic world awarded Blue Bond: Belize repurchased its "superbond" at 55 cents on the dollar, reducing the principal outstanding by approximately \$189 million. The deal then generated an estimated \$180 million in conservation funding over 20 years. In exchange for debt relief, Belize committed to protecting 30% of its ocean—including its coral reefs, mangroves, and sea grasses—by 2026, and established an independent Conservation Fund. This has been pushed through with legislation. At the time of its completion in November 2021, this deal was the world's largest debt refinancing for ocean conservation. The transaction also included a commercial parametric insurance policy to mitigate the financial impact of natural disasters. At then only Seychelles has a Blue Bond which was much smaller than Belize's which was more daring and economy-transforming.

For context, Gabon is a country located on the Atlantic coast of Central Africa, bordering the countries of Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, and the Republic of Congo. It launched a US \$500 million Blue Bond in 2023 to restructure national debt, lower financing costs, and fund critical marine



conservation, including protecting 30% of its oceans by 2030 and financing marine spatial planning. This is needed to refinance existing debt at a lower cost, which provides financial relief. The deal unlocks approximately \$163 million for ocean protection, funding initiatives like expanding marine protected areas and fighting illegal fishing. Gabon holds significant biodiversity, including endangered leatherback turtles and Atlantic humpback dolphins. The funds support conserving these ecosystems.

Participants will also examine Belize's funding disbursement model and how funds flow from the Conservation Trust Fund to project teams and partners, explore how Marine Spatial Planning is being used to support conservation commitments and Blue Economy priorities, and learn from Belize's experience designing and rolling out electronic monitoring, including capacity requirements, progress, and lessons learned to date.

This exchange provides a structured opportunity to share lessons, strengthen implementation approaches, share experiences, address challenges, and strengthen strategies and advance Blue Bonds delivery in both countries.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)



SOCIAL SPECIALIST

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-521161-CS-INDV
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: May 8, 2026; 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the "Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project", being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a "Social Specialist" under the Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, Belmopan.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-social-specialist-individual-consultant-bz-mfedi-521161-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106'
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Social Specialist" – Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project– [Applicant's Name].



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) (CONSULTING FIRM)

Development of a Public Service Digital Reskilling Policy and a Comprehensive Change Management Framework

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039-P00049
Deadline: May 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project proceeds to procure consulting services ("the Services") from a qualified firm for the "Development of a Public Service Digital Reskilling Policy and a Comprehensive Change Management Framework."

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the extended version of this REOI online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-development-of-a-public-service-digital-reskilling-policy-and-a-comprehensive-change-management-framework-consulting-firm-bl-l1039-p00049-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the extended version.

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Ref. "Consultancy Firm – Reskilling Policy - BL-L1039 - Name of Firm"

BARNET DEVELOPMENTS LTD.. # 000036008
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company named **BARNET DEVELOPMENTS LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry with effect from the 13th day of April, 2026.

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

BARNET DEVELOPMENTS LTD. # 000036008
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **BARNET DEVELOPMENTS LTD.** (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

- a) is in dissolution
- b) commenced dissolution on the 10th day of April, 2026; and
- c) **John Fitzgerald Gillett** whose address is Main Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District, Belize is the Liquidator of the Company

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent



Request for Bids (RFB)

Water Supply & Modernization Program

BL-L1043

Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well

1. This RFB follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project publicized as of 13th April 2026.
2. Belize Water Services Limited has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of Water Supply & Modernization Program and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well.
3. The Belize Water Services Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction (Supply & Install) of 100k US Gallon Concrete Clear Well at the Dangriga WTP. The delivery/construction period is 365 days from Start Date as specified in ITB 5.4 (k).
4. The RFB will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the bidding document.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Belize Water Services Limited, Mr. Leonardo Folgarait, Procurement Specialist at rce@bwsf.com.bz
6. Qualification requirements include: copies of original documents defining the constitution, Power of Attorney, experience in works of similar nature and size for the past 5 years and other information as requested in the RFB document ITB 5.
7. A complete set of the bidding document in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below. The bidding document will be sent by email.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2:00 p.m. 20th May 2026. Electronic bidding "shall not" be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically at 2:15 p.m. 20th May 2026 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line.
9. All bids "shall" be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of 3% of bid price in BZE Dollars or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
10. The address referred to above is: Mr. Leonardo Folgarait, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.

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MAIN TOPICS



**UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW IT WILL WORK.**



**CITIZENS' RIGHTS, PROTECTIONS, AND IMPORTANT
CONSIDERATIONS UNDER THE SYSTEM**



PUBLIC DIALOGUE AND FEEDBACK SESSION



APRIL 23RD, 2026 - ORANGE WALK
APRIL 24TH, 2026 - BELIZE CITY



ORANGE WALK: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
BELIZE CITY: 2:00pm - 4:00pm



CENTRAL PARK - ORANGE WALK
BILTMORE PLAZA - BELIZE CITY

BELIZE

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MAJOR BUST FOCUSES ON SECURITY GAINS

**“Our brave security forces must be commended,”
– Commissioner Rosado**



15 April, 2026 - Belize’s security forces are being credited with one of the most successful joint operations in recent history, following the interception of a drug plane and the seizure of over half a ton of cocaine in the Corozal District. Officials say the operation highlights growing coordination and intelligence sharing, and the Government’s continued commitment to protecting citizens and dismantling organized crime.

At a detailed press briefing, Commissioner of Police Richard Rosado outlined how the high-stakes mission unfolded, beginning with international intelligence. *“The operation began approximately 10:36 am when the United States Interagency Task Force South detected an unidentified aircraft over the Pacific Ocean... four minutes later, the aircraft was declared an air track of interest.”*

That early detection triggered a coordinated, multi-agency response led by the Joint Intelligence Operations Centre (JIOC), bringing together the Belize Police Department, Belize Defence Force, Belize Coast Guard, and the Customs Department. Surveillance teams quickly identified potential landing zones, with officers deployed across strategic locations.

A breakthrough came when customs officers on patrol in the Neuland area discovered a suspicious vehicle near the coastline containing aviation fuel, a firearm, and a satellite phone—clear indicators of an impending drug plane landing. *“From all indications and evidential material, that location was the intended place for the aircraft to have landed,”* stated Compol Rosado.

Despite facing challenges on the ground that forced a temporary withdrawal, law enforcement regrouped and intensified operations. Authorities later clarified that the burning of the vehicle discovered at the site was not carried out by the responding team. *“As it relates to the narrative... that it was law enforcement that burnt the SUV... that is not so,”* Compol Rosado emphasized, adding that evidence was still successfully processed.

Meanwhile, the aircraft continued its path northward, changing direction multiple times across Central America before entering Belize’s airspace. As the situation developed, regional cooperation played a critical role, with Mexico providing aerial support alongside Belize’s own military assets.

Mexican law enforcement were given permission to enter Belize’s airspace.

Brigadier General Anthony Velasquez revealed that the intercepted aircraft had been specially modified. *“It was not a standard Cessna aircraft. It was rigged for transporting cargo and for having extra fuel capacity... the aircraft still had enough fuel to fly somewhere else if it chose to.”*

The plane ultimately landed in Neuland, where security forces moved in swiftly. Two Mexican nationals believed to be the pilots were detained, and authorities seized approximately 551 kilograms of suspected cocaine of official estimated street value of approximately eleven million dollars, marking one of the largest drug interceptions in recent years. Some estimate that in the US, had it arrived there, this amount would be worth an average of thirty million or more.

Captain Gregory Soberanis highlighted the importance of joint operations. *“This*

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Navigating Transport Challenges Together

Dear Editor,
The recent request for a bus fare increase has sparked concern among many Belizeans, and rightly so. At a time when families are already managing rising costs, any adjustment to transportation fares affects daily life. However, we must view this issue within a broader context.

We are living through a global crisis that is impacting economies worldwide. Rising fuel prices, supply chain disruptions, and inflation are not unique to Belize—they are affecting transportation systems across the globe. In some countries, public transportation services have been severely reduced or even halted altogether due to these pressures.

This reality calls for balance, not division. Bus operators are facing genuine operational challenges, while commuters are struggling to make ends meet. The solution cannot be one-sided. Instead, there must be constructive dialogue between operators and the Government to find a path forward that protects both livelihoods and affordability.

Rather than rushing to extremes, this is a moment for cooperation. Temporary measures, subsidies, or phased adjustments may be explored to ease the burden on all sides. The goal should be sustainability—ensuring that transportation remains available, reliable, and accessible to the Belizean public.

Belize has weathered difficult times before, including the recent pandemic. We overcame those challenges by working together. We can do the same now.

Let us approach this issue with understanding, patience, and a willingness to find solutions that benefit the entire country.

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Coastal Inundation Workshop

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tentially active hurricane season. The training aims not only to improve technical forecasting but also to ensure that risk information is communicated clearly to communities, particularly those in low-lying and coastal areas.

Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management, underscored the importance of coordination across agencies. "What you're seeing is a coordinated effort among all of the institutions that deal with this... we're coordinating efforts so we don't duplicate what is happening, but we are better able to share that information and communicate with the population," he said. He added that such collaboration is essential "to be prepared in the event of what we know is increased storm activity in the region."

The workshop highlights Belize's ongoing commitment to building resilience through knowledge sharing and partnerships, ensuring that national systems are equipped to respond effec-

tively to hurricanes and associated hazards, such as flooding and storm surge.

Hurricane Awareness Tour Lands in Belize

Today, Belize reinforced its leadership in disaster preparedness by hosting the official opening of the Caribbean Hurricane Awareness Tour 2026 at the Philip Goldson International Airport.

The event featured the arrival of the United States Air Force's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron—widely known as the 'Hurricane Hunters'—an elite unit that plays a crucial role in storm tracking across the Atlantic basin. Organized in collaboration with the Department of Civil Aviation, the ceremony brought together key stakeholders involved in weather monitoring and emergency response.

Lieutenant Colonel David Gentile highlighted the growing partnership between Belize and the Hurricane Hunters

program, noting the aircraft's role in improving forecasting accuracy and emergency planning. The visit offers local agencies a rare opportunity to engage directly with cutting-edge storm-monitoring technology typically deployed only during active hurricanes.

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Beamer emphasized the shared responsibility of preparedness. "The hurricane season is fast approaching, and we have a shared purpose to prepare, to protect, and build resilience in our communities," she said.

The aircraft itself represents the forefront of meteorological science. Equipped with advanced instruments, it can fly directly into hurricanes to collect real-time data on wind speed, atmospheric pressure, temperature, and humidity. This information is critical in refining storm forecasts and strengthening early warning systems across the region.

Following the formal ceremony, invited guests toured the aircraft, gaining

firsthand insight into its operations and the role it plays in safeguarding lives. The plane is operated by a specialized crew of five, including a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, aerial reconnaissance weather officer, and a loadmaster responsible for deploying dropsonde systems.

Powered by engines producing over 4,700 horsepower each, the aircraft boasts a wingspan of 132 feet and a length of just over 99 feet. It has a range of approximately 1,841 miles with payload and can remain airborne for up to 13 hours without refueling, allowing it to carry out extended missions deep into storm systems.

Together, the workshop in Belmopan and the Hurricane Awareness Tour underscore Belize's proactive stance on disaster risk management. By investing in training, strengthening partnerships, and embracing advanced technology, the country continues to position itself at the forefront of regional preparedness efforts—ensuring that when storms come, Belize is ready.

MAJOR BUST FOCUSES ON SECURITY GAINS

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was a multi-domain approach... both as it relates to land, air, and sea. We provided the maritime component... and were able to respond quickly when called upon."

Police also addressed questions surrounding individuals found near the landing site. Compol Rosado confirmed that while Belizean nationals were detained initially, they were not charged due to insufficient evidence. "They remain persons of interest, and the investigation continues."

Authorities emphasized that not all details of the operation have been released, as investigations are ongoing to identify the wider network behind the shipment. The success of the mission, however, is already being seen as a major blow to transnational drug trafficking.

Beyond this operation, recent figures indicate broader progress in national security. Major crimes have declined significantly, with fewer incidents recorded compared to the previous year. Homicides have also dropped, including a notable reduction in murders within the Belize District.

Officials say these improvements reflect sustained investments in law enforcement, stronger partnerships with international allies, and a strategic focus on prevention and intelligence-led policing. Belize has also moved down in regional crime rankings in recent years, signaling measurable progress.

In separate operation/events, authorities uncovered over 1,100 pounds of marijuana in Lord's Bank, further demonstrating increased vigilance and enforcement across communities. Also, marijuana was found abandoned on a field near Guinea Grass village.

Together, these developments point to a security framework that is becoming more proactive, coordinated and, arguably, consequential. As Belize continues to strengthen its response to organized crime, officials maintain that the safety of citizens remains the top priority, with ongoing efforts aimed at building a safer, more secure nation for all.

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 1086 Corozal North, Corozal District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	1086
The freehold property of Mr. Darwin Donovan Williams.		

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Corozal North	1	3015
The freehold property of Mr. George Levy and Ms. Lilia Chun.		

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1. Parcel No.879 San Jose Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose/ San Pablo	1	879
The freehold property of Mr. Juan Marcos Teck.		

2. Parcel No. 594 Otro Benque Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk	4	594
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C: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 7026 Mile 13 in the Los Lagos area, Ladyville, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/ Lords Bank	16	7026
The freehold property of Mr. Kevin Kemele Wade.		

2. 0.95 Acres Sandhill Village, near Mile 16 ½ Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District:

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 2, situate along the Philip Goldson Highway Near Mile 16.5 Sandhill Village, Belize District, containing 0.95 acres of land held under a Deed of Conveyance being the freehold property of Mr. Rafael Yamany Gongora & Ms. Sonia Jex.

3. Parcel No. 3466 Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	3466
The freehold property of Mr. Glenford Alvin Williams.		

D: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 51 Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District:

All that lot piece or parcel of land being Block No. 51, situate near Cristo Rey Village Area, Cayo District, containing 30.00 acres of land freehold property of Mr. Jaime Noel Marin and Ms. Nefretery Nancy Marin.

E: STANN CREEK DISTRICT:

1. 766.235 S.M being Lot No. 256 in Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District:

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E: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. 1665.280 S.M being Lot No. 12 in San Pedro Columbia Village, Toledo District:

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Business Tax Amnesty Approvals Completed with Strong Uptake

April 16, 2026 - The Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment, through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit, in collaboration with the Belize Tax Services, the Economic Development Council, BELTRAIDE, the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs



Registry, and the Ministry of Rural Development, launched the 2025 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Tax Amnesty Programme in Belize City. Subsequently, the countrywide programme held roadshows and accepted applications for tax amnesty in all major towns and larger rural communities from October 1 to December 31, 2025.

During the programme, a total of 909 applications were received, of which 806 MSMEs were approved to date, to benefit from a one-year tax amnesty from the date of issuance of their MSME Tax Amnesty Certificate. Approved businesses were also relieved of any accrued penalties and interest related to business tax obligations.

The programme successfully assisted businesses across the country in formalizing their operations, strengthening compliance with national tax regulations, and regularizing their status with the Belize Tax Services, the Belize Corporate and Companies Registry, and the Town and City Councils.

Applicants came from all regions of the country, with the highest participation recorded from the Cayo, Belize, Stann Creek dis-

tricts, which together accounted for 65% of all applicants, followed by the Orange Walk, Corozal, and Toledo districts. Overall, the 909 applications demonstrate widespread interest from businesses across multiple sectors and regions, highlighting the programme’s accessibility and relevance.

By sector, Retail Trade (25.6%) and Food and Beverage Service (20.2%) accounted for nearly half of all applications, reflecting strong engagement from customer-facing and service-oriented businesses. Moderate participation was observed in Personal Services (9.5%), Tourism and Recreation (8.1%), and Accommodation and Hospitality (7.5%), underscoring the continued importance of Belize’s service and tourism sectors.

The Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment have taken serious note of the various issues raised by the micro and small business community that constrain them from growth. New policies, legislation, and programmes are currently being developed to continue empowering MSMEs and promoting sustainable economic growth nationwide. (Release)

FOR SALE

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 70 containing 873.440 square meters situate in the New Hattieville Area, Belize District, Belize bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 681 of 2001 attached to Ministers Fiat Grant No. 681 of 2001, Plan No. 3545, Reg No. 20, held under a Deed of Conveyance dated the 10th day of December, 2018 being the freehold interest of LEE ROY HOWER.

ALL THAT LOT, piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 1 situate at the Boom Pine Ridge Belize River, Block No. 114 comprising 0.45 acres of land as shown on Plan Entry No. 19811 Register No. 37, held under a Deed of Conveyance dated the 22nd day of November, 2022 being the freehold interest of ANDY JOSLYN GILHARRY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 2 situate at the Boom Pine Ridge Belize River, Block 114 comprising 0.23 acres of land , as shown on Plan Entry No. 19811 Register No. 37 held, under a Deed of Conveyance dated the 22nd day of November, 2022 being the freehold interest of ANDY JOSLYN GILHARRY.

ALL THAT lot, piece or parcel of land being a portion of 9.45 acres of land situate at approximately Mile 5 on the Burrel Boom Mussell Creek Road, Burrel Boom Village, Belize District, Belize being the Lot Nos. 10 & 12 each containing 1388.795 square yards and which Plan has been duly authenticated and recorded at the Lands and Survey Department on Belmopan in Surveyor's Plans Book Register No. 21 at Entry No. 3040, held under a Deed of Conveyance dated the 3rd day of November 2005 being the freehold interest of ERSIE GOFF.

Parcel No. 938, Block No. 4, San Jose Palmar Registration Section containing 0.796 Acre (s) situate in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District, Belize held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of JOEZER ALAN REYES surety for ANNA LUISA REYES.

ALL THAT LOT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Lot No. 70 containing 329.911 square meters situate South of the Western Highway, near Mile 17 1/2, Belize District, Belize bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 2058 on Minister's Fiat Grant No. 113 of 1999 dated 26th March, 1999, held under a Deed of Conveyance dated 21st day of January, 2010 being the freehold interest of OMAR LISBEY CASTILLO.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **NORTHERN IMPEX RESOURCES LTD.** (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

- a) is in dissolution
- b) commenced dissolution on the 10th day of April, 2026; and
- c) **John Fitzgerald Gillett** whose address is Main Road, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District, Belize is the Liquidator of the Company

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Jalsa Salana-Belize City 2026 PM and other Government Leaders Gather at Masjid Noor



April 10 - The Prime Minister John Briceño, Hon. Henry Charles Usher and Mayor Bernard Wagner, and Mayor Sheppard were on the ground today at the 11th Jalsa Salana Opening Session at Masjid Noor in Belize City. They attended in full support of this special initiative held under the meaning theme “Worship.”

speaker at the Ladies’ Session of the 11th Jalsa Salana. The theme of her address centered on the theme “Living Worship: Faith, Character, and Community Care,” highlighting that true worship is a way of life that extends beyond specific spaces.

The event, which brought together national leaders including Prime Minister John Briceño and Mayor Bernard Wagner, focused on community unity, peace, and humanitarian efforts. The Mayor and council thanked the Muslim community



Hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at Belize, this convention stands as the largest Muslim conference in Belize, bringing together leaders and community members for dialogue and engagement.

Special Envoy Rossana Briceño served as the guest

for being welcoming to their community and for the opportunity to continue to learn more about their history. More thanks for “your continued efforts since 2013, and the impact of your work across Belize. The Belize City Council especially wished the gathering an impactful conference ahead!



NOTICE TO MARINERS

Dredging operations will be conducted at the mouth of the Belize River, near Haulover commencing April 20th 2026. Obstructions will be marked by flashing red lights at night. During the daytime, the silt curtains and dredger will be visible with bright colors.

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NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of Golden Bay Hotel by Marine Parade Limited (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

The Company currently operates in tourism industry and intends to develop and expand the second phase of its hotel located at #1160 Marine Parade Blvd, Belize City, Belize.

Any person who desires to object to the granting of a fiscal incentive may submit a letter of objection, not more than seven days after the date of the second publication of the Notice of Application for the Fiscal Incentive.

The letter of objection shall be in writing and include any evidence in support of any claims made addressed to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before April 30th, 2026, to executive.director@beltrade.bz or call at 880-3737

Belize Fisheries Project

Belize’s Legal & Policy Assessment

Report on alignment with SDGs and SSF-Guidelines

Belize’s fishing industry generates approximately \$28 million annually. This is a number to indicate a great number of families who are fed by the hard work of their fisher breadwinners. This industry supports over 17,500 jobs. The positive sustained impact this has on the economy is significant and has to be cared for and not taken for granted. No one plants fish but everyone expects to reap. Both the fish and the industry need protection. The industry includes the fishers. A new Legal & Policy Report highlights that 89% of the catches come from vital artisanal and subsistence fisheries. The following is the Abstract, the conclusion and the recommendations as can be found in the Report. Below these are links to the FULL report and the Project’s website. This is a treasure trove for anyone and more so for direct stakeholders.

Abstract
This report highlights the significance of small-scale fisheries (SSF) in sustainable development in Belize, emphasizing their contributions to aquatic food production, employment, food security, and livelihoods. In Belize, the fishing industry is a source of direct and indirect employment, food security, culture and contribution to national GDP from exports and tourism. However, despite its relevance many commercial species are overexploited, demanding sustainability improvements to assure fisheries and livelihoods.

The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) provide guidance for promoting responsible fisheries and sustainable development through a Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) and Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF). The guidelines are interlinked with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly supporting SDGs 1, 2, 5, 13, and 14. The SSF Guidelines and SDGs are essential frameworks that can help Belize ensure the sustainability, resilience, and prosperity of its fisheries sector. By aligning with these guidelines and goals, Belize can work toward responsible fisheries management, food security, economic development, and the conservation of its rich marine resources.

This report assesses Belize’s legal and policy framework to determine its alignment with SDGs and SSF Guidelines. It serves as an initial overview for various stakeholders, including small-scale fishers, government officials, NGOs, academia, and the private sector. The report outlines the methodology used for the assessment and presents the main findings. It begins with an overview of international instruments related to SSF-Guidelines and proceeds to analyse Belize’s Constitution, primary fisheries laws, national fisheries policy, and other related legislation and policies. The report identifies both areas of alignment and gaps with respect to SDGs and SSF-Guidelines.

Belize’s legislation does cover many of the policy and legal frameworks necessary to align with the SDGs and SSF Guidelines, particularly those related to decent work, protection against forced labour, children’s rights, and gender-based-violence, however the usually not in the fisheries legislation. Ultimately, the report concludes with final remarks and offering concrete recommendations including the need to make the Fisheries Resource Act more explicit in its references to the role of women, fisher participation in management and tenure.

Conclusions
In general, Belize’s legal and policy framework is largely aligned with the SSF-Guidelines and SDGs, with many of the assessed instruments showing full or partial alignment with these international standards. As observed during the analysis, Belize’s Constitution recognizes fundamental human rights, the right to equality, non-discrimination, the rights of the child, and principles of gender equality as guiding principles. The Fisheries Resources Act of 2020, the primary legislation governing fisheries in the country, strongly aligns with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) by emphasizing social, environmental, and economic sustainability to improve livelihoods in Belize. The Precautionary Approach is also widely recognized and applied within this framework. These two key elements are not only evident in the Fisheries Resources Act of 2020 but also permeate other legislation aimed at protecting the broader aquatic and coastal ecosystem on which fisheries resources depend. For instance, the Natural Protected Areas System Act of 2015 and the Coastal Zone Management Act have an orientation toward safeguarding both ecosystems and livelihoods while fostering social participation. Belize promotes social participation through various mechanisms such as the

Fisheries Council, Managed Access Committees, co-management agreements with SSF, and Coastal Advisory Committees (CACs). Policies and plans related to climate change adaptation, mitigation, and financing are well-established. In terms of gender equality, Belize has legislation and policies that aim to implement cross-cutting actions, as outlined in the National Gender Policy Plan. Various measures in legislation, including the Education and Training Act, Equal Pay Act, Labour Act, and Social Security Act, underscore the country’s commitment to achieving gender equality. Additionally, Belize has a policy focus on addressing gender-based violence (GBV). Recognition of tenure for SSF is embedded in the Belize Constitution through the acknowledgment of property rights for indigenous communities. Judicially, traditional property rights of indigenous communities have also been recognized. In the fisheries sector, the Managed Access Program outlined in the Fisheries Resources Act of 2020 serves as the primary mechanism through which SSF can access tenure rights. Belize demonstrates strong attention to social development topics such as decent work, protection against forced labour, children’s rights, and GBV, even if they are not directly related to fisheries legislation. However, there are notable gaps, particularly within the Fisheries Resources Act of 2020, which is the primary legislation governing the sector and the source from which policies are derived. Key areas where improvements are needed include the explicit recognition of gender equality as a principle and the role of women and girls throughout the fisheries value chain. The Act currently lacks provisions in these areas, and it is essential to address them given its significance in the country’s fisheries legal framework. Moreover, the Act does not directly address access to tenure for SSF and indigenous communities. Finally, there is no specific provision regarding the social participation of SSF communities in monitoring and surveillance activities related to fisheries.

Recommendations
After assessing the Belize legal and policy framework regarding level of alignment with SSF- Guidelines and SDGs the following recommendations are made:



- Build and develop, through a highly participatory process, a legal definition of SSF for the Fisheries Resources Act, as this is an important element to recognize SSF rights and implement the SSF-Guidelines.
- Recognize explicitly in the Fisheries Resources Act the right to customary tenure and fishing rights for indigenous communities and the right to free, prior, and informed consultation and consent according to the Constitutional recognition by the Supreme Court and Caribbean Court of Justice.
- Recognize in the Fisheries Resources Act the role of women across the whole SSF value chain, establish gender equality as principle that should guide all Belizean fisheries policy while also incorporating specific measures for support women and girls in fisheries at decision-making areas.
- Include in the Fisheries Resources Act the recognition of SSF communities as key elements to develop a sustainable and efficient Monitoring and Surveillance tasks for avoiding IUU fishing.

The report was prepared by Prepared by Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C. for the advancement of the Belize Fisheries Project.

For the complete report: <https://belizefisheriesproject.org/belizes-legal-and-policy-assessment-and-report-on-alignment-with-sdgs-and-ssf-guidelines/> and more on the industry at <https://belizefisheriesproject.org/>



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Consultancy to develop automated processes for data analysis and visualization through training in python and other programming language to create additional agromet products
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-541616-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is to upgrade the functionality of SURFACE CDMS to significantly improve the creation of agricultural products through the integration with the R statistical programming language and existing R software packages for product generation such as R-Instat. An updated, cloud-based version of SURFACE will showcase automated product generation demonstrating the potential for new innovations in product creation for the agricultural sector. It will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of providing timely climatic information to farmers that will assist them in making critical decisions to avoid losses and increase productivity.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the Project, while the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries (MAFSNGI) will have overall responsibility for the Project.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org. The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications

- A software engineer with a computer science degree, or equivalent (Max 20 points)

General Experience

- At least 10 years experience in the role of expert/lead software engineer. (Max 20 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience

- Must have experience of working with Climate Data Management Systems, Relational Database Management systems (including Postgres) and experience delivering solutions in Django, R and web frameworks including VueJS. (Max 20 points)
- Must have experience working with OGC API standards and an awareness of WMO standards including the WMO Climate Data Model standard. (Max 20 points)
- Experience with the R-Instat statistical software is highly desirable. (Max 20 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.
The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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Fighting Fusarium

CRESAP Supports Sugar Industry

Handing Over Biological Agents



The Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP), implemented by the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries and the Ministry of Economic Transformation, handed over a supply of biological agents to the Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI) on April 10, 2026.

This delivery represents the first of six batches of biological agents to be provided under the project, aimed at supporting farmers and strengthening Belize’s sugar sector. The agents, namely *Trichoderma harzianum*, *Bacillus subtilis*, and *Streptomyces lydicus*, will be used as part of an integrated approach to manage wilt disease in sugarcane (*Fusarium* spp.), which continues to impact crop yields.

Through their growth-regulating properties, these biological agents are expected to enhance root development, improve overall plant health, and reduce the effects of disease in sugarcane fields across northern Belize. This initial batch is valued at US\$181,020.

This handover reflects the ongoing support provided through CRESAP. In October 2025, three motorcycles were delivered to SIRDI to improve the mobility and efficiency of field officers. More recently, in March 2026, IT and field equipment were provided to strengthen operational capacity and support data-driven decision-making within the sector.

CRESAP is a US\$25 million initiative financed by the World Bank, designed to enhance agricultural productivity and resilience in Belize. The project supports farmers through a matching-grant program and strengthens the capacity of key public institutions to deliver sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural solutions. (release)



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THE VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN TRACY'S 'ILLUSION OF TRUTH'

By Hilly Bennett

The People's United Party (PUP) Secretariat, under the stewardship of Secretary General, Collet Montejo is engaging the party structure in getting battle-ready for the upcoming 2027 municipal elections. Indications suggest that the United Democratic Party (UDP) will once again experience a loss at the polls and is struggling to find candidates to represent a party in disarray. A party infested with guttersnipes, and rake-and-scrape sycophants.

However, the Leader of the Opposition (LOO), Tracy Taeger-Panton is attempting to leverage her usual "political fallacy and disinformation" to undermine the success of the PUP Government led by Prime Minister, John Briceño in hopes of winning the 2027 municipal elections.

As the war rages on in the Middle East and the price of oil rises across the world including the United States, the Caribbean region, the Leader of the Opposition attempted to gaslight the Belizean masses that the John Briceño administration is failing to take decisive action to alleviate the situation. In a statement made on March 13, 2026, she said *"Didn't we just welcome the President of Guyana to Belize? Did the government did not see beyond its narrow political grandstanding? Should this not have been an opportunity for us to explore how Guyana may assist the region with fuel supply?"*

This could be Tracy's greatest fallacy of the Belizean government sourcing oil from Guyana. Firstly, Guyana does not refine its oil but exports it to oil refineries in European, African, Asian countries and Panama. Hence, the questions by Tracy become nonsensical utterances. Additionally, what was recently considered Guyana's energy paradox was the fuel shortages which had Guyana's citizens questioning how a fuel disruption could occur in an oil-rich nation. Evidently, Tracy is the only one who is politically grandstanding when the truth is laid bare when she told Parliament *"I am standing tall"* knowing full well that she was sitting on a borrowed barstool delivering two-plus hours of nothing.

Another of the LOO's unfounded allegations is that the investment reputation of Belize is at grave risk after US Congressman, Brian Mast, Chairman of

the House Foreign Affairs Committee, criticizes the investment climate in Belize. The criticism stemmed from the acquisition of the Stake Bank island project, which was formerly managed by the Feinstein Group with Tracy Taeger-Panton being a part of the groundbreaking ceremony. Notwithstanding, a US Congressman Carlos Gimenez commended the Government of Belize for its *"decisive leadership"* in supporting American agricultural

investments and strengthening bilateral cooperation. Also, the US Embassy praised the John Briceño government for its *"forward-thinking American investment"* in Belize, including initiatives like Silk Grass Farms. Instead of the intentional mistruths the LOO should remind the Belizean public that it was the PUP that brought back investors' confidence to the shores of Belize after the International Financial Institutions had turned their backs on the UDP government. The return of both local and foreign direct investment occurred with the novel idea initiated by the Office of the Prime Minister at

the first of its kind 'Investment Summit'.

Tracy Taeger-Panton and the UDP-influenced media should realize by now that their doom-and-gloom idiotic political rhetoric will keep them in the political wilderness for a very long time. Although the cost-of-living and the inflation situation are real Belizeans spending power is evident in the weekly entertainment activities and the crowded aisles at the supermarkets. Clearly, Tracy's illusion of truth speaks volumes about the LOO. Tracy is not ready to lead!



Over-the-Counter Medications



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GoB-CCCC-CDRI-NCCO- L&SD-NEMO Advanced Data Management Tools Asset handover and Commissioning Ceremony

April 13 - Today marks another step in national safety and climate readiness with the official handover of high-quality Samsung tablets for the project, “Strengthening Data Management Foundation for Disaster Risk Preparedness in Belize.” Deputy Prime Minister Cordel Hyde was on hand to receive the thirty tablets which are the basis of this project. In providing rationale for the importance of this resource the DPM said, “Roughly two-thirds of the 511 disasters that hit small countries since 1950 have occurred in the Caribbean, taking more than 250,000 lives and leaving countries like Belize in the never-ending Sisyphean battle to rebuild.” So therefore, “Our country is heavily reliant on commodity exports and tourism. And when you combine that with the fact that a high concentration of our population is in low-lying coastal areas, you understand our exposure is exacerbated.”



years ago... Without pre-disaster data, authorities couldn't anticipate the extent of displacement or structural damage, nor were we able to quickly assess the damages thereafter. These tablets will change that. Hon. Hyde came well prepared to insist, “A robust climate resilience



strategy must begin with data collection, followed by informed planning, capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and requisite financial investments. But it starts here. The Government of Belize is committed to strengthen our ability to protect our communities and ensure urban resilience in the face of climate change.” “We will acquire high resolution imagery. of selected coastal zone and vulnerable communities. We will develop digital footprints for infrastructure and we will do vulnerability mapping and we will enhance the institutional capacity of the Belize National Spatial Data infrastructure.”

The DPM brought up the Blue Cities and Beyond project which will bring a national land use policy and stated, “The plan will provide the technical and spatial framework to guide how land is used, developed and managed across Belize, ensuring coordination across national, regional and local levels and across sectors.” He continued, “These 30 tablets will allow for us to conduct digital field inspections that cannot be lost. They will automatically take location coordinates, dramatically minimizing mistakes. Our field technicians will no longer have to write reports in the field, then go back to office and rewrite and scan and upload. All images and data will instantly be updated and uploaded. Our national estate staff says field reports will take far less time, so that means they can do far more work. But the tablets will allow so much more. They will significantly contribute to establishing a baseline data set for a comparison with post-disaster assessments. Belize lacks digital data on building stock, hindering early warning systems and resilient infrastructure planning.” The damage from Hurricane Lisa three



This critical initiative is a collaboration between the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), with key beneficiaries being the National Climate Change Office (NCCO), the Lands and Survey Department, and the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO). By integrating these advanced data management tools, Belize is enhancing its adaptation planning and disaster risk management through real-time environmental data access, capacity building, and evidence-based urban land management and planning. The DPM on behalf of the people of Belize thanks everybody involved in this donation that looks to dramatically improve Belize's efficiency in data management.





REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ASSISTANT NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICER – MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND MINING

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV
Duration: Twenty-four (24) Months
Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: May 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (Extension)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project”, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of an “Assistant National Planning Officer” for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1038 – P00012
Duration: Twenty-Four (24) Months
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline: May 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the “Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) project”, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

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Orange Walk Town's New CLEAN FEE

Arguably the most proactive of Town Councils in the country is the Orange Walk Town Council. We say arguably as all our PUP Town Councils are in a credible running for this tag. With this success, Mayor Sheppard and Councilors with multiple personal, neighbourhood and stakeholder consultations in pocket moves ahead with the Clean Fee of five dollars a week per household for residential garbage collection. This writer was told that a Hattieville Villagers pay approximately 4 dollars a week for garbage pickup. Then another debate can begin. Most Orange Walkers have understood that this council has all the credibility and more authority to move ahead with this Fee. Kudos to the Mayor and team as this move needs courage to proceed with it at this time and really at any time.

Orange Walk Town is one that can be seen with almost a hundred percent of streets paved and with streets continually upgraded. As in most municipalities, placing sidewalks is a MAJOR challenge. The funds that should be freed up can be used for planning for sidewalks. Sidewalks for the entire town is a multimillion dollar project so planning is a start.

Using the 2021 census as a benchmark, the number of households in Orange Walk is 4,117 which is increasing of course. With a FIVE dollar a week fee for 52 weeks that amounts to a little more than a million seventy thousand. The council has quoted that the collection of garbage yearly is over a million yearly. Given therefore that the collection of taxes is never 100 percent, the Clean Fee will not totally cover the garbage pickup. This shows that the people-centered OWTC is thinking about the people and about progress and how these can be sustainable. There is no profit with the Clean Fee but is definitely a huge move to divert funds to improving the town.

There are TWO NEW compactor trucks that were added to the fleet this April 2026. These are addition to the old fleet which already have a compactor truck donated a couple years ago by the JICA, a Japanese organization that has partnered with Belize. JICA is involved in the New Swing Bridge for Belize City. The new compactor trucks were procured even before a single dollar had been collected of the Clean Fee.

The following are the Garbage Fee collectors who will work to supplement online payments. When you make contact with them they could share a personal telephone number.

Zone 1 – Eli Gongora | Zone 2 – Josias Caal | Zone 3 – Rodney Tillett | Zone 4 – Ryland Tillett | Zone 5 – Alvaro Meza

The Residential garbage targeted is basic household garbage at the usual house garbage box/drums/bins. For any largescale construction garbage, tree trimming and the like there is a separate fee. One should contract the town board for this.

It must be mentioned that the legally mandated Property Tax, Traffic induced collections and the government subsidy pays for salaries of Town Council workers and some other revenue streams are used to pay some and more than the following: overhead bills, upkeep of parks, upkeep of Traffic Lights, Building and Upkeep of

For those who will pay online, the information is the following: Belize Bank Ltd.,

Orange Walk Town Council, 1139-7001-0120-001. Send a screenshot of the online transfer along with: Your Name, Your Address (Street # & Street Name), and Parcel #. Send all the information to email: owtc.revenuedepartment@gmail.com OR WhatsApp: 655-4588.

Pedestrian Crossings, Signage, Sidewalks, Cemeteries, Town Hall Building, Vehicles, Independence Celebrations, Christmas Celebrations, cleanup of drains and overgrown bushes, Security Officers, and much more.

The Occupational, Safety, and Health

Bill(Act) is a driver in making sure that the Sanitation workers will be better provided with equipment including foot-

wear. This Clean Fee will make it possible for their gear to be upgraded to be in compliance.



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The Orange Walk Clean Fee is already being looked upon by the rest of the municipalities as a way to improve their town. Orange Walk will be the gold standard for a nation that is moving into the next level of modernization despite the Opposition. Let's say it again, ANY progress in Belize is opposed by the corrupt UDP because if Belize progresses then Belize will keep with the PUP. That is a depressing reality for a UDP who cannot even get candidates and not even a leader. Panton is there by default. Belize sees her as a remnant of the incompetent and self-proclaimed corrupt Barrow administration.

But I digress, the OW Town Council will continue its Information campaign which comes in addition to the Zone meetings they had. One can visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/theorange-walk-town-council>. Peruse their financials at <https://owtc.org/financials-2024/> and join transparency and accountability at work. How can there be opposition? Opposition is great democracy and they should keep this and all leaders on their toes. How? They can by being a partner and not a violent set of hoodlums and by suggesting improvement to policy and looking out for the people. Some bench players will ALWAYS remain on the bench and that makes their team win. Teams that should win can lose if the bench player cause chaos due to greed and envy.

The Town Council asks the residents to continue maintaining the Partnership with the Council which has been solid progress up to this point. The council is confident on the accountability and transparency, the efficiency, and the effectiveness of this Clean Fee in making the Orange Walk municipality move towards a greater vision. Orange Walk is making a move towards modernization and all Orange Walkers is asked to come on board on this Clean Fee and be a part of future. Note that not everything that is said can be implemented to the word, that is nevertheless Democracy and you should participate. The town needs your input and what you say WILL be a part of the decision process.



"CLEAN FEE"
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEE

The Clean Fee supports the provision and maintenance of sanitation and cleanliness services within Orange Walk Town, contributing to public health and environmental well-being.

Collections officially start today, April 07, 2026.

How much? \$5 a week

Payments can be made to the designated zone collector, via online transfer or at the office (upstairs).



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NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICER - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
PETROLEUM AND MINING

Institution: Ministry of Finance

Country: Belize

Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project

Process ID: BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV

Duration: Two (2) years

Duty Station: Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining
Belmopan (In Office)

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2026 JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY CYCLING CLASSIC

KEITH A. ENWRIGHT JR & IRENE BAKI



The now Back to Back Junior Female Cross Country Champion is Irene Baki. She ran in the BEL sponsored race of the male Juniors on the same April 12, 2026 but from Roaring Creek at Garbutt’s Service Station. CONGRATULATIONS as more females are invited to be a part of this level of racing. The future of female racing should begin from the youth stage followed by this which is virtually under 18. On April 2025, Irene Baki won her first Female Junior Cross Country Championship. She achieved this title at the 34th Annual Puma Women’s Cross Country Cycling Classic/BEL Junior Cross Country Classic, representing a significant achievement for local junior women cyclists. Young females should jump on their bikes today.

- Females - Roaring Creek to City (50 miles)
- 1st Irene Baki – Team Williams Racing Development – 2:44:49.
 - 2nd Kelsi Castillo – (unattached) – 3:02:18.
 - 3rd Lianni Choto – Team Troyer Treats – 3:05:18.
 - 4th Kiara Miller – Chavarria’s Cycling Club – 3:57:38
 - 5th Jamelia Gladden (Unattached) - 3:57:58.
 - 6th Genesis Andrews – Chavarria’s Cycling Club – 4:13:27.



CONGRATULATIONS goes to the 2026 Male Junior Cross Country Champion Keith A. Enwright Jr. He was the youngest rider to race in the Holy Saturday 2026 Classic on April 5. Young Keith makes history as winner in 2026 and joins his father, the Sr. who won this race back in April 13, 2003(his son wins one day before the twenty third Anniversary). This year August Keith will be 18 and this makes his next Classic ride in the U-23 Category. But today was all about elation and celebration for G-Flow and their team.

- 1st Keith Enright, Jr. – Team G-Flow – 3:42:44
- 2nd Jamaal Tablada – Team G-Flow – 3:42:44
- 3rd Ryan Thompson – Team Phoenix (Cayman Is.) - 3:42:44.
- 4th Devyn Major – Team G-Flow – 3:42:44
- 5th Ahmaad Cherrington – Team G-Flow – 3:42:44. (1st Youth)
- 6th Snyder Rodriguez Interianno – Castelli Deluna Red Hook – 3:51:20
- 7th Kyan Tench (Unattached) – 3:51:20.
- 8th Andre Enriquez – Team Rolling Shattaz – 3:51:20 (2nd Youth)
- 9th Johan Choto – Team Misfits Cycling – 3:51:20.

- 10th Vincent Galvez Jr – Team Griga Cycling - 3:51:20
 - 11th Jashawn Aldana – Team Griga Cycling - 3:51:20
 - 12th Malachi Myvette – Team Griga Cycling - 3:51:20.
 - 13th Stephen Pelayo – Team Misfits Cycling – 3:51:20.
 - 14th Patrick Joseph – Wateva Boyz – 4:08:05 (3rd Youth).
 - 15th Arren Pope – Team Misfits Cycling – 4:08:05 (4th Youth).
 - 16th Carmine Smith – Team Top Flight cycling – 4:08:05.
 - 17th Khalil Gentle – Wateva Boyz – 4:08:05.
 - 18th Giovan Thimbrel – (unattached) – 4:10:02.
 - 19th Johan Manrique Garcia – Team Lopez – 4:13:12.
 - 20th Kyron Budram – Team Rolling Shattaz – 4:13:12 (5th Youth).
- Top five in this race, Jamaal Tablada, Jr. of the Griga Cycling Club also had his father winning this race in the past.

On Sunday April 12, 2026, eight days after the main Holy Saturday Cycling Classic sponsored by Digi, the Belize Electricity Limited sponsored this 25th Annual Junior Cross Country Cycling Classic pedalled off from the majestic Xunantunich Archaeo-



logical Site entrance in the Village of San Jose Succotz.

A great story was that mile 33, Ahmaad Cherrington went solo which was a major point in this race. Ahmaad is a young Belizean cyclist born on May 19, 2011. He will be 15 more than a month later but this makes 14-year-old Ahmaad a former Youth Cycling Classic Champ someone to follow in the upcoming years. In this race, he made his mark. Ahmaad Cherrington attacked at mile 33 in the Junior Cross Country Cycling Classic and pedalled vigorously to a 3 plus minute gap. In the Big race this gap would be fatal to the rest. But in this race he was caught(or was he?) At the end of this attack, the race announcer said that young Ahmaad, a consummate team player, has said in a pre-race interview that he would give his fellow riders a chance as he will have at least three more years in this race. Ahmaad repeated this in his post-race interview. Watch the race and see Ahmaad easily ride in fifth. The heart of the 14-year-old is already cemented in Junior Classic lore. In 2025, Ahmaad won internationally at the Men’s 4/5 category at the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix.

Next is the Pre-Mother’s Day Cycling Race, which will circle to Benque Viejo Town.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: TA Service Providers to Develop CSA Applications for Potential Beneficiary Farmers
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-536361-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for 6 suitable qualified individual consultants (2 for the Northern Region, 2 for Central Region and 2 for the Southern Region) to assist farmers countrywide in the formulation of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) applications to be submitted for approval to the respective Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) during the remaining life of the CRESAP Project. These 6 service providers will be expected to liaise with the relevant PFIs and coordinate with the Matching Grant Coordinator and the Environmental and Social Specialist of the BSIF PIU as needed. Additionally, all consultants engaged under this arrangement must demonstrate familiarity with the target geographic area and possess the ability to effectively communicate in the local language(s) to ensure inclusive and context-appropriate service delivery.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the Project, while the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries (MAFSNGI) will have overall responsibility for the Project.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org. The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required) Qualifications

- Minimum of an Associate Degree in business, development studies, social science, environmental science, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management, or any other field related to the assignment (20 points).

General Experience

- At least (2) years of relevant professional experience in the agriculture sector, and experience in technical assistance services, including the development of investment proposals and business plans (20 points).

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Experience in designing and formulating business plans and proposals (15 points).
- Experience in providing technical assistance services in the agriculture sector (10 points).
- Experience in working with the commodities and sub-sectors in subject as per Annex 1 (10 points).
- Experience or knowledge of the country of Belize (10 points).
- Knowledge and experience of Climate Change and Climate Smart Agriculture practices in Belize (15 points).

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

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**LIQUOR LICENSE
NOTICES**

Notice is hereby given that **Micaela Tzul** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**La Toxica Cool Spot**" located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jennifer J. Pollard** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Jenny's Guana Splash**" located in Gracie Rock Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE BELIZE INTEGRAL
SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)
N° CABEI-CS-002-2147/2026

BACKGROUND

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective of improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary member countries, is providing the total financing for the procurement of a consultant to fill the role of Procurement Officer in the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP). The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The General Objectives of the consultancy to be contracted are to ensure the timely procurement of all Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies subject to CABEI's Procurement Guidelines and Belize's Procurement Guidelines.

The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** now invites interested consultants to present their expressions of interest along with their respective resumes to participate in the selection process for the consultancy of a Procurement Officer with the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

SCOPE OF WORK

The Procurement Officer is responsible for overall and day-to-day procurement activities for goods, works, services, and consultancies, subject to CABEI Procurement Guidelines and in accordance with the Project's Operations Manual and the Loan Contract. The Procurement Officer will prepare Annual Procurement Plans (APP) and develop technical specifications for goods, works, and services contained in the APP. In addition to preparing monthly Procurement Reports for the Project Coordinator, he/she will prepare Quarterly Reports detailing the goods and services procured and funds disbursed for the previous period, the challenges encountered, and how they were resolved. He/she will also be responsible for contract administration.

SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The Procurement Officer will work under the general guidance and report directly to the Project Coordinator. The post will be based at the Office of the Programme Executing Unit in Belmopan.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate shall have at least a bachelor's degree in business administration, Procurement, Public Administration, Business Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Law, Engineering or other related disciplines, or a master's degree in accounting, finance, economics, business administration, procurement, law, public administration, engineering, business management, or other related disciplines. A minimum of three (3) years' experience in procurement processes of goods, works, and consulting services, and prior project management training or experience will

be considered an advantage. Experience working with Multilateral Banks and knowledge of CABEI's procurement guidelines and procedures will be positively valued. Knowledge of written and spoken Spanish would be an asset.

TERMS

The Procurement Officer will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020 / PRE-40/2021). The successful candidate will be employed on a full-time contractual basis; the initial contract will be for one year.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and the complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Execution Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz and projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Transformation's webpage, <https://met.gov.bz>, to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Government of Belize's Procurement Portal <https://procurement.gov.bz>

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Monday, May 11th, 2026**. Expressions of interest, along with a Resume, must be sent via electronic mail (email) to procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz and projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11th, 2026**.

Late submissions will not be considered.

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Project Management Unit
1904 Constitution Drive
2nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.
Ph # (501) 828-6106
Ref: Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Procurement Officer CABEI-CS-003 – 2147/2026

MIDH Notice - Eighth Road Project George Price Highway Belize City - Hattieville

April 13, 2026 - The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing advises the public that works have commenced to upgrade the George Price Highway between Belize City and Hattieville. A contract was signed for the civil works to reconstruct this segment of the highway, and the project is now underway. The project is expected to be executed over the course of the next three years.

The works include the widening of the roadway, construction of reinforced concrete drainage, scarification and improvement of the pavement and running surface, raising of the road in flood-prone areas, application of hot-mix asphalt pavement, construction of major and minor intersections, construction of bridges at Burdon

Creek and Hector Creek, and the provision of road safety furniture to modernize road infrastructure and improve user safety.

Works have commenced between miles 9 and 10. Every effort will be made to execute the works in a manner that minimizes inconvenience for road users. The Ministry anticipates this to be a dynamic effort; therefore, road users should expect travel delays within active construction zones.

Motorists are advised to drive safely. Do not speed. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Do not drive recklessly. Please be courteous, respect other road users, adhere to the directions of traffic safety personnel, and drive with due care and attention. (release)

THE JUDICIARY OF BELIZE FIRST IN REFERRING A MATTER TO THE CCJ UNDER ITS ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Belize City, Belize – The Judiciary of Belize announces that, on 3 March 2026, the High Court of Belize made a referral to the Caribbean Court of Justice (“CCJ”) under its Original Jurisdiction. This represents the first such referral to the CCJ under its Original Jurisdiction by a national court within the Caribbean Community.

This historic referral was made by the High Court of Belize in the matter of *G. Anwar Barrow and others v Financial Services Commission and the Attorney General of Belize*, engaging the CCJ’s jurisdiction to interpret and apply the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

The Judiciary of Belize notes that this development reflects the effective utilisation of the referral mechanism under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and follows sensitisation and training sessions provided by the CCJ Academy for Law to the Belize Judiciary and other stakeholders in Belize in 2022. Those sessions were aimed at strengthening judicial and professional familiarity with the CCJ’s Original Jurisdiction.

Please see the full text of the CCJ’s media release at the following link: <https://bit.ly/4vuoAft> (release)



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST [INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT] Final Evaluation Consultant



Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration Project (STAP)
Process ID: BL-L1031-P00055
Abstract: Consulting Services

Deadline: May 4th, 2026, at 4 p.m. (Belize local time)

The Government of Belize (GoB) has entered into a US\$ 14 Million Loan Contract Agreement (No. 4839/OC-BL) with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled “Strengthening of Tax Administration”. The main beneficiaries of the Project are: (a) the Government, which will have more revenues to implement its public policies; (b) taxpayers, who will have more support and a digital environment to fulfill their tax obligations; and (c) the population, from the government policies implemented.

The main objective of the Project is to contribute to Strengthening Tax Administration aimed at increasing revenue collection. The specific objectives of the project are the following: (i) increasing the Government’s effectiveness in tax collection; and (ii) increasing the efficiency of tax administration. These objectives will be achieved by improving tax administration governance and operational processes, and by modernizing the technological infrastructure. The three components of the Project are listed below:

- Component I: Strengthening Tax Administration Governance;
- Component II: Improvement of Operational Processes; and
- Component III: Modernization of Technological Infrastructure.

A. Objective

The objective of the consultancy is to conduct a Final Evaluation of the execution and results of the Strengthening of Tax Administration Project, providing a comprehensive and systematic analysis, including quantitative and qualitative measures of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and potential impacts of the project. The main findings, lessons learned, and recommendations associated with the project will also be presented.

B. Deliverables

The consultant shall deliver the following deliverables:

1. Methodology and work plan with an established schedule of activities within two (2) weeks after contract signature.
2. A draft of the Final evaluation report within (30) calendar days after contract signature. The consultant will take into consideration the results of the mid-term and pre-completion evaluations and combined feedback received to produce a coherent draft final evaluation report and evaluation summary
3. Final Evaluation Report within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of comments on the draft report by the executing agency, incorporating the suggestions and feedback discussed during the results dissemination and consultation workshop.

C. Qualifications of Consultant:

- **Education: Minimum Academic Degree:** At least a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, Economics, Governance or project evaluation-related field or equivalent.
- **General Experience:** Minimum of three (3) years’ working experience in similar assignments
- **Specific Experience:** Minimum of at least one (1) similar consultancy successfully completed over the last five (5) years (2021- 2025).
- **Languages:** Proficient in written and spoken English
- **Skills, Knowledge, Abilities:** - Experience in organizing workshops, conducting interviews, and carrying out fieldwork related to project evaluations.

D. Level of Effort, Length of Contract and Other Contract details:

- **Type of consultancy:** Individual Consultant
- **Level of effort:** The successful consultant will be employed on a contractual basis. The level of effort required to carry out this assignment is estimated at a maximum period of twenty - five (5) days
- **Duration:** approximately 30 non-consecutive days within a period of three (3) calendar months.
- **Place of work:** Belize and work from home will be an option.
- **Trips:** At minimum two (2) trips to Belize are required for data collection and information gathering. The consultant will be responsible to arrange all transportation and other logistics.
- **Eligibility:** Consultants who have previously been involved in any aspect pertaining to the execution of the Strengthening of Tax Administration Project are not eligible to apply.
- **Type of contract:** Lump sum, including travel cost.

E. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15

F. APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Expression of Interest should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Individual consultant
- (ii) Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant’s experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous clients and employing organization(s).*
- (iii) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality.

Qualified Individual Consultants must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to **Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz** and copy **David.Duncan@mof.gov.bz** no later than 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time), on May 4th , 2026, marked **STAP- Individual Consultant to Conduct Final Evaluation** in the subject header. In addition, applicants may also submit a hard copy at the following address:

**Director General
Belize Tax Service
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project
Eleanor Hall Building
Chetumal Street, Belize City**

For clarifications and request of full TOR kindly contact:

**Ag.Project Coordinator
Project Executing Unit
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project
Eleanor Hall Building
Chetumal Street, Belize City
E-mail: David.Duncan@mof.gov.bz**

Trees

By Hon. Gilroy Usher

I

- 1) Trees make gardens, boulevards, and shorelines beautiful
- 2) The source of herbs for many uses, they are truly wonderful
- 3) Trees make a wide range of foods available in every nation
- 4) Thanks to trees, we have dye, rubber, and logs for construction
- 5) For a better nation, plant a tree wherever you may be

II

- 1) Trees prevent soil erosion and crumbling banks of waterways
- 2) They produce oxygen oxygen for terrestrial and aquatic life every day
- 3) Trees provide jungle resorts that earn a lot of money
- 4) They provide cotton for clothing and money, and nectar for honey
- 5) For a better nation, plant a tree wherever you may be

III

- 1) A tree was used to make the cross Jesus carried to save mankind
- 2) They produce sugarcane, citrus, and other crops to suit every mind
- 3) Trees provide habitat for thousands of species near and far away
- 4) They ensure shelter and safety for animals to survive each day
- 5) For a better nation, plant a tree wherever you may be



Port Loyola Advancement New Street Connecting Faber's Rd and Freedom St. Ext.

As a result of the cooperation between the Belize City Council and Hon. Gilroy Usher Area Representative for Port Loyola a new access road /street has been built from Faber's Rd to Freedom St. Ext.

The new street makes it easier for land owners to develop their properties in the area in various ways including housing construction and significantly reduce the time necessary for pedestrians and motorists to travel from Faber's Rd to



Freedom St Ext. and surrounding areas.

The new access street will also boost economic development in the division and the wider Belize City as residents of the more accessible community request various supplies and services to improve their lives.





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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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INSPECTION DETAILS

● **Location:** 61 Amara Avenue, Belize City

● **Dates:** April 10th – April 25th, 2026

● **Contact:** 223-3953

● **SUBMIT TO**

Mr. Mark A. Chavarria

Belize Broadcasting Authority

4 Taiwan Street, Belize City

● **ChavarriaMA@gobmail.gov.bz**

Deadline: Friday, April 25th, 2026



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